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[REDACTED] The information in this report may be considered as conflicting or as possibly true because the chronology of events and dates of information may simply represent a change in plans and policy. It is probably true that some reduction in the circulation of Soviet-sponsored publications was expected as a result of the departure of thousands of Russian-speaking subscribers as part of the current repatriation program (See paragraph 3 and [REDACTED] for that paragraph), and that plans may have been made by Shanghai Soviet officials to adjust to the situation. The rather extensive reduction in the

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number of publication [REDACTED] in paragraphs 1-4 does not conform to previous Soviet practice in China of sponsoring many different publications in both Russian and Chinese. The information in paragraphs 5-8 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and the contention that the Soviets will maintain for a longer period of time their usual number of publications appears to be a more logical Soviet move.

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1. V. N. Rogov, Director of Tass in China, received instructions from the head office of Tass in Moscow that he should prepare to transfer his office to Nanking in the near future, taking only two assistants (names unnotated) with him. The plan for the reorganization of Tass in China will be submitted by Rogov to the head office in Moscow for approval; it is expected that the Soviet Embassy in Nanking will play an important part in the final decision. According to rumors in Shanghai, this reorganization is partly the result of disagreement between Rogov and M. Yakhamin, manager of the Shanghai Branch of Tass and a Pravda correspondent. [REDACTED] reported previously on the disagreement between Rogov and Yakhamin).
2. Tass activity in Shanghai will be reduced during the end of 1947. The Russian section will be reduced because of the many departures of Soviet citizens due to the USSR repatriation program. Translations in Chinese from Soviet Russian-language literature will be sent from Moscow as before. Each month Tass spends the CNC equivalent of US\$6,000 for publication of the Shanghai Chinese-language editions of the magazine Epoch and the daily newspaper, Shih Tai Jih Pao (Epoch Daily).

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Note: [REDACTED] 25X1A2g detailed future plans of the Epoch Daily.

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- 25X1X6 3. The English-language Soviet Weekly has already been discontinued. In the near future the Russian-language and Chinese-language magazine editions of Brokha will be discontinued, and later the magazine Serodne; and finally the Chinese-language daily Shih Tai Jih Pao will be discontinued.

25X1A6a 25X1X6 Note: The Chinese-language edition of the magazine Brokha was formerly issued twice a month; it is now issued once a month. According to the 30 August 1947 issue of Novaya Zhizn (New Life), "The magazine Brokha (Russian-language edition) has become very important to the Soviet colony of Shanghai and its readers impatiently wait for its publication each month. Because of the repatriation of many of its writers, the magazine is now being published only once a month. The increasing popularity of this magazine proves that the Brokha must continue to exist no matter how small the Soviet colony in Shanghai becomes because of the repatriation..." According to the 26 August 1947 issue of Novaya Zhizn, "The last issue of the magazine Serodne (Today) is a sort of 'farewell to Shanghai issue' as practically all of the members of the Union of Soviet Journalists and Literary Workers are leaving for their motherland in the near future. The Union of Soviet Journalists and Literary Workers was one of the most active organizations in Shanghai but now with the departure of many of its members one cannot say whether it will be able to continue to exist..." See in addition [redacted] on Soviet Citizens' Association in Shanghai for previous information on the above publications).

- 25X1A2g 25X1X6 4. V. A. Chilikin, Sr., editor-publisher of Novosti Dnya (Daily News) in Shanghai and Tientsin, received warning from Rogov that next year Chilikin's subsidy will be terminated and he will not receive newsprint free of charge. Chilikin was also informed by Rogov that the existence of two Soviet dailies in Shanghai after the completion of the repatriation is not necessary; the small Soviet colony which will exist in Shanghai can support one daily without much expense to the Soviet Government. Preference will be given to Novaya Zhizn, semi-official Soviet daily, rather than to Chilikin's Novosti Dnya.

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5. On 11 September 1947 V. A. Chilikin, Sr., arrived in Shanghai from Nanking, where he was informed that, according to an unexpected new order from Moscow via Lozovsky in Irkutsk, Chilikin's papers in China as well as other Soviet-sponsored publications in China must be maintained and even enlarged for at least the duration of next year. Chilikin was therefore requested to stop conversion (? liquidation ?) of his papers and was promised that he, his family and all necessary personnel for maintenance of his papers will be exempted from repatriation. Note: See [redacted] for previous report that Lozovsky would head a new Far East High Command Political and Foreign Affairs Department in Irkutsk.)

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6. Lozovsky, as head of the Informbureau (Information Bureau) in Irkutsk, will be in charge of the papers (? including Chilikin's ?) through Rogov. Special allowances for Chilikin's papers will be transferred from Irkutsk by order of Lozovsky through the Shanghai Tass office. In order to maintain full contact and supervision of the Soviet press in China, a special section has been formed in Lozovsky's Informbureau. V. V. Klarin has been appointed as one of the members of the Informbureau in Irkutsk for the supervision of the Shanghai Soviet press. N. Zefirev, who left Shanghai with the first group of repatriates, is now in Irkutsk and is also temporarily attached to the Informbureau.

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Note: [redacted] for previous information on the men mentioned in the above paragraph; see also [redacted] for current report on the establishment of an Informbureau in the Shanghai Tass office.

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- 25X1X6 7. Mrs. A. I. Chilikin, who is now in Irkutsk with Lozovsky, will arrive in Shanghai the middle of October with new instructions. She will remain in Shanghai only a few months as she has been informed by Lozovsky that in the next year she will again proceed to France and the USSR. It is believed that Mrs. Chilikin's previous trip to France and the USSR was ordered and sponsored by Lozovsky.

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8. It is believed that Lozovsky, who resigned as Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs (I was transferred from that post I/ and took the comparatively insignificant post as Director of the Informbureau in Irkutsk, actually remains in "foreign politique" connected with the Far East.

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